



## **TREE REMOVAL PERMIT FAQ\***

Please see Chapter 8.10 - Tree Cutting, Destruction and Removal, of the Veneta Municipal Code for complete details on permit requirements: <http://www.codepublishing.com/OR/veneta/>

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### **Do I need a permit to remove a tree on my property?**

Yes, if the request is for removal of three or fewer trees "significant trees" within a single 12-month period. Removal of dead or hazardous trees is allowed outright upon city confirmation of tree condition

### **I am a homeowner and want to remove three or fewer trees within a single 12-month period. What type of permit do I need?**

Type A Permit if the tree(s) are defined as "Significant Tree (s)". See definitions below.

### **I am a homeowner and want to remove a heritage tree. What type of permit do I need?**

Type B Permit

### **I am a homeowner and want to remove three or more trees within a 12-month period, independent of an application for site development review. What type of permit do I need?**

Type B Permit

### **I am proposing to remove a tree or trees which were preserved as part of a previous land use permit or planted as mitigation for previous tree removal. What type of permit do I need?**

Type B Permit. If you are unsure whether the tree(s) was previously preserved, contact City staff.



### **My proposal for tree removal is for clearing of a home site on a lot subsequent to land division approval. What type of permit do I need?**

Type B Permit

### **I would like to remove more than three trees on a single lot or parcel as part of a site plan review or amendment, subdivision, or partition. What type of permit do I need?**

Type C Permit

### **I am an owner or operator of a commercial wood lot [before beginning harvesting operations of more than three trees within any 12-month period]. What type of permit do I need?**

Type D Permit

## **DEFINITIONS:**

### **Diameter at breast height (dbh):**

The diameter of the tree measured to the nearest inch at four and one-half feet above ground level. For trees with multiple trunks, dbh shall be measured at the narrowest point between ground level and the point where the trunk diverges, or shall be the sum of the diameters of the two largest trunks at breast height, whichever is smaller.

## **Hazardous Tree**

The condition or location of the tree presents a clear public safety hazard or a foreseeable danger of property damage to an existing structure and such hazard or danger cannot reasonably be alleviated by treatment or pruning.

## **Heritage Tree**

Any of the following which are not hazardous trees:

Oregon white oak (18" or more dbh)

Madrone (18" or more dbh)

Douglas fir (48" or more dbh)

Any other tree (36" or more dbh)

## **Removal:**

To cut down a tree, or to damage a tree so as to cause the tree to decline and/or die within a three-year period. Types of damage which may constitute removal include but are not limited to topping, damage inflicted upon a root system by application of toxic substances, and girdling.

## **Significant Tree**

Any of the following as well as trees which have been planted or individually preserved as part of a previous tree removal permit.

Any tree (18" or more dbh)

Douglas fir (18" or more dbh)

Big leaf maple (12" or more dbh)

Chinquapin (12" or more dbh)

Oregon ash (8" or more dbh)

Pacific dogwood (6" or more dbh)

Madrone (6" or more dbh)

Red alder (6" or more dbh)

Ponderosa pine (6" or more dbh)

Western red cedar (6" or more dbh)

California black oak (6" or more dbh)

Oregon white oak (6" or more dbh)

## **Street tree**

Any tree planted or preserved within a dedicated street right-of-way.

### **TYPE A Permit Summary**

- Free Permit
- Usually issued same day
- Allows removal of up to 3 non-heritage trees per year

### **TYPE B Permit Summary**

- \$150 application fee
- Mitigation (tree replacement) required
- Allows removal of more than 3 trees (including heritage) per year

### **TYPE C Permit Summary**

- Cost included with consolidated application
- Mitigation required
- Allows removal of more than 3 trees on a single lot or parcel
- Accompanies a site plan review or amendment, subdivision, or partition application

### **TYPE D Permit Summary**

- \$300 application fee
- Mitigation required for all nonfir significant trees in excess of three
- Allows for harvesting operations of more than 3 trees on a commercial wood lot
- Proof must be provided that the subject property is a "commercial wood lot" as defined by chapter 8.10.100 of the Veneta Municipal Code

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